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be summed up in two words:

#### " Constitutional Liberty."

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"CONSTITUTIONAL DESPOTISM."

The Military Convention now in session,

have carried their proscription far beyond the dictation of the Radical Congress. Instead of a constitution for a free people, it is void under the Constitution of the United The system of amalgamation, miscegena-

tion and taxation, imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, not only corrupts the fountains of justice, but amounts to a total confiscation of all the property in the State. As the Radical party are to become the sole recipients of the public treasure, to be raised by this tyranical system,—to hold all the offices—receive all the emoluments-dispense all the revenue, and wear purple and fine linen every day at the expense of the taxable people of the State, they look upon these barbarous measures with the utmost complacency, and are already prepared to carry their designs into execution, by procuring a ratification of this Constitution at the ballot box. Their secret associations for this purpose now encompass the State, and they are playing for the dazzling prize with the desperation of gamblers who have cast their all up-

PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI! These are no idle words we address to you. Every utterance is pregnant with advice; every sylaholding out the most tempting bribes to the non-taxpaying voters. If these two elements are permitted to combine, your Constitutional liberty is forever at an end-Constitutional despotism forever in the as- respects. cendant. This point reached, "war. pestilence and famine" are the natural concomitants.

There is time yet to avoid this approaching torrent of social, political and pecuniary ruin. The people still have a right to assemble and concert the necessary measures result. The By-Laws of the Democratic Associations direct what is to be done-if these are promptly and successfully executed, all will be well-if neglected, all will

The re-action against the Radicals at the North, is progressing with great power stitution and laws.

The committees and sub-committees to be appointed in the Police Districts of every county have important duties to perform. The chief labor of the canvass devolves on | ciation may appoint. them, and their work should be speedily

and domestic tranquility, and in the suppression of all secret political associations designed to sever the interests of the planter and the laborer-the employer and the employed-and to tax the people for the degrade our people and reduce them to penary and political servitude. For more than two years our labor system has been paralyzed by these nefarious combinations, and the result has been found in universal bankruptcy and distress alike with the planter and the laborer, and indeed among all classes of society.

These sad lessons teach us that the interests of the planter and the laborer are not only identical, but in fact indissolable, for when dissolved, mutual ruin stares them in the face and mocks them with fearful

It has been a labor of love with the pubhe spoiler to produce these direful results. For three years past he has been on the wing for his prey, "and if for a moment he has paused in his infernal flight, it has been posed. upon some kindred rock to whet his vulture 6th. wing for a more sanguinary desolation."

mode of organization proposed, may be use-fol nike for political, agricultural and social purposes. The membership embraces all good citizens who are in favor of Constitutional government—the District Committees will include the influential men of all portions of the counties Their duties will keep them in constant communion and good fellowship, and their meetings at the county site will enable them to know the exact condition of the country in all its political, agri-

CHAIRMAN OF THE

ENGERAGE STATE EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE.

JACKSON. MISS., April 27th, 1868.

To the Democratic Associations of the State of Mississippi—

State of Mississippi—

Leave instructed him to give publicity to the following form of a Constitution and By-Laws to be adopted by all the Associations in the State. By so doing we will secure uniform and efficient action; the people will become familiar with the objects of the party, and it is believed will cordially approve of the same. The organization of the Republicans in this State is secret and oath-bound, as we are informed. They secretly opperate on the igno-GENTEMEN:—Some time since, the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party, published a Constitution and By-laws recommended by them, for general adoption. It mended by them, for general adoption. It mended by them for general adoption in the first part of the public. The organization proposed by the general searnestly hoped that a thorough system of organization for the approaching election, is being adopted upon this plan. The political objects set forth in these documents, may combinations are the bane of all forms of

African negro for the white race as the source of political power, substantial abolition of the Judicial and Executive Departments of the Federal government and the impeachment and removal of the President because he has followed in the footsteps of all his predecessors in sustaining the powers of the President as defined in the constitution and laws of the

are about to conclude their treasonable labors for the distanchisement of all our most prominent and useful citizens. They United States. and the superior race on which they depend mitting of said constitution to the registered for all that is valuable in life.

It is the mission of the Democratic party as

now organized, to save them from political suia bill of pains and penalties for imaginary offences; is ex post facto in its character; and the government from absolute over-Then let the lovers of liberty assemble, organize and prepare for the great work before gress, at an election to be conducted by and them. There is a registered majority of seven-

teen thousand votes to overcome in this State al of the District, said election is by author—it was that majority that elected the present ity of the above tited laws and in accordance military convention by negro votes-they will | with an ordinance of said convention, hereby | the imperative duty of the Commissioners to chisement, impoverishment and degradation the 22d day of June, 1868, and continuing of the white race-let the foreign invader and the domestic foe feel the power of those they seek to destroy. JOHN D. FREEMAN,

Chairman Executive Committee.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE COUNTY OF ----

This Association shall be composed of the citizens of the county ofwho shall subscribe to and spide by the following shall subscribe to and spide by the following ing of the printed notices turnished from Constitution and By-Laws:

ventions elected under them and the Consti-tutions they may adopt are illegal and void, we shall oppose the same by all legal and honorable means, and labor for the restoration ple, the elec of defense. The Executive Committee have of the Union according to the terms and pointed out the means of accomplishing this spirit of the Federal and State Constitutions.

tion now, and succeed in the Presidential and such other officers and committee-men as contest, we will preserve our present Con- the Association shall from time to time appoint.

tion shall be menthly, on the—day of each month, and at such other times and occasions election," for all the precincts of his district. 2nd. The regular meetings of the Associaas the public interest requires and this Asso-

3d. There shall be a committee of five or and thoroughly executed. These commit- more appointed by the President of the Associtees should be sufficient in numbers to ena-ble them to see in person all the people in county of whom the Vice President for each their neighborhoods within a few days at most and procure their signatures to the constitution and by-laws, together with a personal pledge to be active among the people and to be present at the polls and do their neighborhoods within a few days at | District shall be chairman; and it shall be the people and to be present at the polls and do all in their power to secure a unanimous vote for the principles and candidates of the the same; to procure signatures to this Consti- voting. The election will be by ballot, and It would be well to have one or more tution and By-Laws ; to make and report to members of these committees on every farm | the county Association a list of all the citizens or plantation, where they should unite with of said District who belong to this Association, the freeduren in the preservation of order and, also a separate list if those who do not; and to this end, said District committees may appoint sub-committees with such powers as may be deemed expedient.

h. It shall be the further duty of these committees, and each member of this Association, to explain the objects of the Associa- votes of persons registered in that share .support of political mendicants and vagrants | tion to the people, to induce them to become from other States who have ro claims on active members of the same; and to establish hibit his certificate of registry, across the society and whose avowed purpose it is to entire unanimity of political sentiment and face of which the clerk of election will write society, and whose avowed purpose it is to entire unanimity of political sentiment and public policy, and to give legal expression to same at the ballot box on all proper occasions. 5th. The ballat box must be preserved from all frauds on the elective franchise; and to this end, committees shall be appointed by the President of the County Association, with the same time the registrar will check off the President of the County Association, with the advice of the District committees, with power, and whose duty it shall be to attend the polls of election in each precinct on the day of election, and superintend the same; to chalenge illegal voters or persons suspected of attempting to voter illegally, and to see that all legal voters have a fair opportunity to exercise the elective franchise; and for this purpose said committees shall appoint one or more Secretaries, whose tees shall appoint one or more Secretaries, whose duty it shall be to take and preserve a list of all persons voting at each precinct in the county, and report the same to the County Association; and if any fraudulent votes shall

6th. The members of this Association agree fang for a keener rapine and replume his to act upon the time-honored maxim that The people will not fail to perceive that the

and to one another, to promote the interest of the party by all honorable means. 7th. Additional By-Laws and Resolutions may be passed from time to time as emergencies may require.

CAMPAIGN, Adopted by the Democratic Convention, May 13. 1. That candidates for the State offices, pro-vided for in the present and the proposed con-stitutions be nominated by this convention to be voted for at the time of the election on the critification or migration of the said proposed cultural and social aspects. It is an organi zation, not for the present alone, but for all time to come. It is based on the idea that time to come. It is based on the idea that that the public servant is accountable to the people—that personal ambition and private interest must succumb to the public welfare—that public officers must be pure in heart and qualified in mind—that the Con-

To the Democratic Associations of the State of Mississippi.

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tution will be rejected by the people of this State, and that they will not therefore be permitted to participate in the Presidential election, it is deemed inexpedient to nominate candidates for Presidential electors at the candidates for Pr the present time, but if necessity should jutant General at these Headquarters. reassemble this Convention for that purpose and their actual expenses of transportation

as shall be deemed expedient. 6. That the opposers of Radical domina-tion in the several counties, be earnestly re-

# ELECTION ORDER.

H'DQUARTERS 4TH MIL'RY D'TRICT. ) (MISSSSIPPI AND ARKANSAS.) Vicksburg, Miss., May 19, 1868. General Orders ?

I. The Mississippi Constitutional Con-vention, convened at Jackson, Mississippi,in compliance with General Orders No. 37, series of 1867, from these Headquarters. having framed a constitution and civil govvoters for ratification or rejection, and having provided for an election of State officers. including senators and representatives in the State legislature, and members of the House of Representatives of the United States Conunder the orders of the Commanding Generuntil completed as herein prescribed, at which election the qualified electors may vote "for constitution" or against constitution," and also upon the same ballots for the officers herein referred to.

11. Commmencing fourteen days before the Election, the B ards of R gistration will meet at the county seat or such other place in their respective counties as will be the most accessible to the people, after reasonable published tice of the time and place thereof has been viven by the retained registrar, by means of a these Headquarters for that purpose, and re-The object of this Association shall be to list, and, being satisfied that any person not maintain he Constitution o the United States, entitled thereto has been registered will strike and of the State of Mississippi, and all laws passed in pursuance thereof.

United and vigorous efforts will be made to

The Boards will also during the same period, ble redolent with warning. The enemy count the negro vote by thousands, and are Liberty; to oppose all fllegal legislation, at the time posses the qualifications required whether State or Federal; to expose and con- by law, and who have not already regist ed. demn all corrupt political combinations endan-gering the public welfare; and to maintain the Constitutional rights of the people in all Believing that the series of measures known | names of the persons added or erased, the preas the Reconstruction acts of Congress are gross-ly in violation of the State and Federal Con-tration. In cases of erasure the reason will be

stitutions, and that the Constitutional Con- given. If no changes are made, the fact must III. In order to secure as nearly as possible a full expression of the voice of the people, the election will be held at each precinct of every county of the State of Mississippi, and—as required by law—under the super-vision of the county Boards of Registration. The method of conducting the election in Special attention will be given to the protection and security of freedmen in their Constitutional rights of person and property, and to their instruction in all matters pertaining to the public interest.

The method of conducting the election in their constitutional rights of person and property, and to each county will be as follows: At the meeting provided for in the foregoing paragraph each Board of Registrars will divide graph each Board of election precincts of 1st The officers of this Association shall their respective counties into three portions and porteness the success of the Demo-cratic candidate for the next Presi-dency. If we defeat the Radical Constituproper conduct of the election therein .-Thereupon each registrar will appoint a judge and clerk of election, who, with himelection," for all the precincts of his district. Each registrar will provide himself with a ballot-box, with lock and key, and of sufficient size to contain the ballots of all the registered voters in his entire share of the county. Each registrar will give full and trict. timely notice throughout his district, of the will be conducted in all details not herein prescribed, according to the custom heretofore in use in the State. Each ballot will have written or printed upon it: "For Constitution," or "Against Constitution," and the names of the officers voted for. The Commissioners of election will at any precinct in their share of the county, receive the Each voter, in offering his ballot, must exwith date, thus cancelling the certificate. and indicating that a vote has been cast upon that certificate at this election; at the be closed, locked and the locks sealed. The be discovered, the same shall be publicly ex- ballot-boxes will not be unlocked or opened until the election in the entire county is ended. Each day at the close of the election the opening in the boxes through which the ballots are deposited, will be closed by a covering of thick paper, securely sealed with wax. This covering will be preserved until voting is resumed. The sealing and

opening of the boxes, in the manner directed, will be done in public. The registrars will begin the election at PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE the most remote precincts, and proceed by the county seat or other place where the re-vision of the registration may have been interest must succumb to the public welfare—that public officers must be pure in heart and qualified in mind—that the Constitution must be maintained at every hazzard, and that "justice must be done though the heavens do fall."

Fellow-citizens! We invoke you to arouse yourselves to action. The vital issues which apathy or delay. Not a moment is to be lost. You are again reminded that the float. You are again reminded that the State Convention will assemble on the 12th of May, and carnestly urged to send np full lelegations.

JOHN D FREEMAN,

Chairman Executive Committee.

The state of the honor of Mississippi and the main freedom of her people, disregarding any tests of qualification whatever not prescribed in the present constitutions of the United States, and furnished, and delivered to the hands of a registrar to be hereafter designated. Who will at once bring them to these Headquarters after called, as a majority of the said delegates from each district may determine.

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hereafter arise for such action, the power is hereby vested in the State Executive Com-dollars per diem, for each day they are acmittee to make the said nominations, or to tually employed on their legitimate duties,

within the county. V. In accordance with the acts of Congress which became a law March 11, 1868, commended to adopt and carry into prompt any person duly registered in the State of spirators against the constitutional liberties execution, the plan of organization prepared of the State. In free countries secret political and submitted for their consideration by the State Executive Committee, which is hereby | when he has resided therein ten days next preceding the election, upon presentation of his certificate of registration, showing that he had not voted at this election, and upon making oath before the Commissioners that he had resided in said precinct for the time specified. All ballots received under the provisions of this paragraph will be firmly appended to the oath, and in this manner joined, transmitted with the returns and

> sioner of election from these Headquarters. VI. The Commissioners of election will prepare and forward withthe election return a list of the registered electors in each precinct who have not voted at this election, and a list of all voters under the provisions of the foregoing paragraph, who have voted at the election. Such lists will show the name of each person whether white or colored, the number of his certificate of registration and the precinct in which he is regis-

VII. None but registered voters will be permitted to challenge the right of others to vote, and no challenge except as to residence and identity will beentertained. While it is soon put forth a Constitution for the disfran- ordered to be held in Mississippi, beginning do their utmost to ensure the purity of the election, care must be taken to prevent the abuse of the right to challenge by evil disposed persons, who may desire to impede the elec-

VIII. The Sheriff of each county is made responsible for the preservation of good order, and the perfect free om of the ballot at the various election precincts in the county. To this end he will appoint a deputy—who shall be duly qualified under the laws of the State for each precinct in the county, who will be required to be present at the place of voting during the whole time the election is being held. The said deputies will premptly and fully obey every demand made upon their offi-cial services in preserving the peace and good order by the Commissioners of election. Sheriffs, in making their appointments, will exerase great care to select men whom they know to be in every way able to serve. Deputies ap-pointed in accordance with the foregoing, will be paid five dollars for the days service on accounts approved by the Registrar, out of the reconstruction fund.

IX. As an additional measure for secur- to large buyers. Our stock of ing the purity of the election, each registrar, judge and clerk, is hereby clothed with all the functions of a deputy sheriff or constable, and is empowered to make arrests, and authorized to perform all duties appertaining to such officers under the laws of the State, during the days of election.

X. At every precinct on the days of election, all public bar-rooms, saloons, or other places at which intoxicating or malt liquor is sold at retail, will be closed. Should any infraction in this respect come to the knowledge of the Commissioners of election, or the deputy sherin in attendance, they will immediately cause the arrest of the offending party, or parties, and the closing of his, or their, place of business. All parties so arrested will be placed under bonds, of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100,)to appear for trial when required by proper authority, or in case of failure to give the required bond, will be held in arrest to wait the action of the General Commuding. XI. The carrying of fire arms or other deadly weapons at or in the vicinity of the polls is positively prohibited under penalty

punished as prescribed by the Statutes of the State forbidding the exhibition of deadly weapons in a threatening manner. All arms seized under this order will be turned in to the nearest post commander, for shipment to the Chief Ordinance officer of the Dis-XII. Should violence or fraud be perpetrated at the election in any precinct, the General Commanding will exercise to the

of forfeiture of the weapons, and of being

fullest extent the powers vested in him for the purpose of allowing to all registered electors an opportunity to vote freely and fearlessly, and any provision in any contract tending to abridge the right to vote is here-by declared utterly null and void. XIII. No registrar, judge or clerk will be permitted to become a candidate for any office .n this State at this election, nor will

they be permitted to exercise the functions of any office or authority connected with the election, other than that received from these Headquarters.

XIV. The evident intention of the law under which this election is held being to obtain an expression of the will of the qualified electors, it is ordered that all officers of the army and sgents of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, shall entirely abstain from public speaking. electioneering or endeavoring to influence voters, but this order is not intended to restrict either class of the above named officials their duty of instructing Freedmen as to their rights as electors.

By command of Brevet Major General ALVAN C. GILLEM: JOHN TYLER.

First Lieutenant 43d Infantry, Brevet Major U. S Army, Acting Assistant Adjutant General. WM. ATWOOD, First Lieutenant 19th Infantry. Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

Apportionment Under the Radical Constitution. REPRESENTATIVES.

Warren county-5. Hinds and Lowndes, each 4. Adams, (a-roll, DeSoto, Holmes, Madison, Mar-hall, Monroe Noxubee, Washington and Yazoo, shall, Monroe Noxubee, Washington and Yazoo, es h three representatives.

The counties of Attala. Chickasaw. Choctaw, Clairerne, Copiah, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lauderda e, Po to oc Oktibbeta. Panela T ppan. Wilkinson, Yalobusha. Tishomingo and Rankin, 2 each.

The counties of Amire, Bol var, Calhoun, Clarke, Frankin, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jesper, Kenper, Lawrence, Leake, Lee Pike, Sunflower, Simpson, Scott, Talla atchie, Winson, Coahoma, Tunica, Newton, Neshoba, Covington, Smith, Wayne, Davis, Green, Jackson, Hancock, Marion, Harrison and P. rry, each one representative.

and P.rry, each one representative. Senatorial Districts. 1st-Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Marion, Green, Perry, one senator. d- Pike, Lawrence and Covington, one senator.

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4th—Adams, one senator.

5th—F ankiin and Jeffe son, one senator.

6th— laiborne and Copi h, one senator.

7th—Warren and I sequence, two senators.

8th—Hinss, Rankin and Simpson, two senators.

9th—Davis, Jasper, Clark and Wayne, one senator.

10th—Landerdale and Kemper, one senator.

11th—Newton, Smith and Scott, one senator.

2th—Madison, one senator. 13th—Yazoo, one senat r.
14th—Washington and Sunflower, one senator.
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15th—Lownd's and Oktibbeba, two senators.
19th—Choct wan i Winston, one senator.
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22th—Chicka-aw and Monvo: two senators.
23d—Bolivar, Coahoma and Tunica, one senator.
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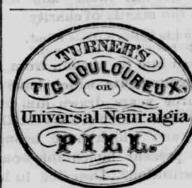
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